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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/68/684)*]

68/253. United Nations common system: report of the International Civil Service Commission

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44/198 of 21 December 1989, 51/216 of 18 December 1996, 52/216 of 22 December 1997, 53/209 of 18 December 1998, 55/223 of 23 December 2000, 56/244 of 24 December 2001, 57/285 of 20 December 2002, 58/251 of 23 December 2003, 59/268 of 23 December 2004, 60/248 of 23 December 2005, 61/239 of 22 December 2006, 62/227 of 22 December 2007, 63/251 of 24 December 2008, 64/231 of 22 December 2009, 65/248 of 24 December 2010, 66/235 A of 24 December 2011, 66/235 B of 21 June 2012 and 67/257 of 12 April 2013 and its decisions 67/551 and 67/552 A of 24 December 2012,

Having considered the report of the International Civil Service Commission for 2013,[1]

Reaffirming its commitment to a single, unified United Nations common system as the cornerstone for the regulation and coordination of the conditions of service of the common system,

1. *Takes note with great appreciation* of the work of the International Civil Service Commission;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission for 2013;[1]

3. *Reaffirms* the role of the General Assembly in approving conditions of service and entitlements for all staff serving in the organizations of the United Nations common system, bearing in mind articles 10 and 11 of the statute of the Commission;[2]

4. *Recalls* articles 10 and 11 of the statute of the Commission, and reaffirms the central role of the Commission in regulating and coordinating conditions of

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 30* (A/68/30).
[2] Resolution 3357 (XXIX), annex.

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service and entitlements for all staff serving in the organizations of the United Nations common system;

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Conditions of service applicable to both categories of staff

A. Comprehensive review of the common system compensation package

1. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of its resolution 67/257, and requests the Commission to provide to the General Assembly, at the first part of its resumed sixty-eighth session, a briefing on the progress made on the comprehensive review of the common system compensation package;

2. *Welcomes* the comprehensive review, affirms the objectives set out in paragraph 31 of the report of the Commission, and requests the Commission to review all remuneration elements holistically in order to achieve those objectives and to safeguard the core values of the organizations of the United Nations common system;

3. *Requests* the Commission, in its proposals resulting from the ongoing comprehensive review, to ensure the comparability of the total compensation package in the United Nations common system, including all monetary and non-monetary elements, under the Noblemaire principle;

4. *Also requests* the Commission to ensure that the executive heads of organizations and staff federations of the United Nations common system and Member States are duly apprised of the process and have an opportunity to provide their feedback;

5. *Further requests* the Commission not to increase any of the allowances under its purview until the comprehensive review decided in resolution 67/257 has been submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration;

6. *Expresses its deep concern* about the long-term sustainability of the after-service health insurance scheme within the United Nations system, and in this regard invites the Commission to review, in the context of its annual report, the apportionment of health insurance premiums between the United Nations organizations and participants in both United States and non-United States plans;

B. Mandatory age of separation

1. *Decides* to defer its decision on the recommendation of the Commission to raise the mandatory age of separation to 65 years without prejudice to its proposed time frame, and requests the Commission to undertake further analysis, in consultation with all relevant stakeholders, on the impact of the adoption of this recommendation on workforce and succession planning frameworks and all relevant human resources management policies, including performance management and appraisal, rejuvenation, gender balance and equitable geographic representation, across the United Nations common system and to report thereon at its sixty-ninth session;

2. *Recalls* paragraph 61 of the report of the Commission, in which it is indicated that raising the mandatory age of separation for existing staff to 65 years would result in a marginal reduction in the actuarial deficit of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund in the range of 0.13 per cent of pensionable remuneration;

II

Conditions of service of staff in the Professional and higher categories

A. Base/floor salary scale

Recalling its resolution 44/198, by which it established a floor net salary level for staff in the Professional and higher categories by reference to the corresponding base net salary levels of officials in comparable positions serving at the base city of the comparator civil service (the United States federal civil service),

Approves, with effect from 1 January 2014, as recommended by the Commission in paragraph 82 of its report, the revised base/floor scale of gross and net salaries for staff in the Professional and higher categories, as contained in annex III to the report;

B. Evolution of the margin

Recalling section I.B of its resolution 51/216 and the standing mandate from the General Assembly, in which the Commission is requested to continue its review of the relationship between the net remuneration of United Nations staff in the Professional and higher categories in New York and that of the comparator civil service employees in comparable positions in Washington, D.C. (referred to as "the margin"),

1. *Reaffirms* that the Noblemaire principle is the basis for the determination of the level of remuneration for staff in Professional and higher categories in New York, the base city for the post adjustment system, and in other duty stations;

2. *Also reaffirms* that the range of 110 to 120 for the margin between the net remuneration of officials in the Professional and higher categories of the United Nations in New York and officials in comparable positions in the comparator civil service should continue to apply, on the understanding that the margin would be maintained at a level around the desirable midpoint of 115 over a period of time;

3. *Notes* that the margin between net remuneration of the United Nations staff in grades P-1 to D-2 in New York and that of officials in comparable positions in the United States federal civil service in Washington, D.C., for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013 is 119.6 and that its five-year average (2009–2013) stands at 115.7, which is above the desirable midpoint of 115;

4. *Welcomes* the initiative by the Commission to manage the margin actively, following the management procedure approved by the General Assembly, and not to increase the post adjustment for New York in 2014 in view of the elevated level of the margin;

5. *Recalls* that the five-year average of the net remuneration margin should be maintained around the desirable midpoint of 115, and requests the Commission to submit to the General Assembly, no later than at the main part of its sixty-ninth session, recommendations on the range of actions and time schedules that would bring the margin back to its desirable midpoint;

C. Children's and secondary dependants' allowances: review of the methodology

1. *Takes note* of the decision of the Commission to keep the methodology to determine children's and secondary dependants' allowances under consideration

within the framework of the broader review of the common system compensation package;

2. *Approves* the recommendation of the Commission that the current levels of the children's and secondary dependants' allowances be maintained;

D. Education grant: special measures

Approves, with effect for the school year in progress on 1 January 2013, the recommendation of the Commission as contained in paragraph 113 of its report;

E. Post adjustment matters

Requests the Commission to review and submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session proposals on synchronizing the post adjustment cycles at headquarters duty stations.

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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/68/670)*]

68/254. Administration of justice at the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XI of its resolution 55/258 of 14 June 2001, its resolutions 57/307 of 15 April 2003, 59/266 of 23 December 2004, 59/283 of 13 April 2005, 61/261 of 4 April 2007, 62/228 of 22 December 2007, 63/253 of 24 December 2008, 64/233 of 22 December 2009, 65/251 of 24 December 2010, 66/237 of 24 December 2011 and 67/241 of 24 December 2012, as well as its decisions 63/531 of 11 December 2008 and 65/513 of 11 December 2010,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on administration of justice at the United Nations[1] and on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services,[2] the report of the Internal Justice Council on administration of justice at the United Nations[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] as well as the letter dated 11 November 2013 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the Fifth Committee,[5]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on administration of justice at the United Nations[1] and on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services;[2]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

[1] A/68/346.
[2] A/68/158.
[3] A/68/306.
[4] A/68/530.
[5] A/C.5/68/11.

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System of administration of justice

3. *Reaffirms* that the resolutions of the General Assembly are binding on the Secretary-General and on the Organization;

4. *Stresses* that all elements of the system of administration of justice must work in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the legal and regulatory framework approved by the General Assembly, and emphasizes that the decisions of the Assembly related to administrative and budgetary matters are subject to review by the Assembly alone;

5. *Reiterates* that decisions taken by the Dispute Tribunal and the Appeals Tribunal shall conform with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions on issues related to human resources management;

6. *Acknowledges* the evolving nature of the system of administration of justice and the need to carefully monitor its implementation to ensure that it remains within the parameters set out by the General Assembly;

7. *Emphasizes* the importance of the principle of judicial independence in the system of administration of justice;

8. *Stresses* the importance of ensuring access for all staff members to the system of administration of justice, regardless of their duty station;

9. *Reaffirms* its decision, contained in paragraph 4 of resolution 61/261, to establish a new, independent, transparent, professionalized, adequately resourced and decentralized system of administration of justice consistent with the relevant rules of international law and the principles of the rule of law and due process to ensure respect for the rights and obligations of staff members and the accountability of managers and staff members alike;

10. *Notes with appreciation* the achievements produced since the inception of the system of administration of justice, regarding both the disposal of the backlog and the addressing of new cases;

11. *Recalls* paragraph 20 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly for consideration at its sixty-ninth session a revised proposal for conducting an interim independent assessment of the system of administration of justice, to be carried out in a cost-efficient manner by independent experts, including experts familiar with internal labour dispute mechanisms;

12. *Decides* that the assessment requested in paragraph 11 above shall examine the system of administration of justice in all its aspects, with particular attention to the formal system and its relation with the informal system, including an analysis of whether the aims and objectives of the system set out in resolution 61/261 are being achieved in an efficient and cost-effective manner;

13. *Stresses* the importance of good management practice to promote a positive and transparent work environment in order to address the underlying factors that give rise to disputes in the workplace, and requests the Secretary-General to report on efforts made in this regard to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixty-ninth session;

14. *Notes with concern* that performance management is still highlighted as the single most important cross-cutting issue in the report of the Secretary-General

on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, and encourages the further use of approaches that serve to systematically address performance management issues at the highest levels;

15. *Recognizes* that sound performance management can greatly contribute to avoiding conflict in the workplace, and requests the Secretary-General to redouble his efforts to continue to develop and implement a credible, fair and fully functioning performance appraisal system;

II

Informal system

16. *Recognizes* that the informal system of administration of justice is an efficient and effective option for staff who seek redress of grievances and for managers to participate in;

17. *Reaffirms* that the informal resolution of conflict is a crucial element of the system of administration of justice, emphasizes that all possible use should be made of the informal system in order to avoid unnecessary litigation, without prejudice to the basic right of staff members to access the formal system of justice, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to recommend to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session additional innovative measures to encourage recourse to informal resolution of disputes;

18. *Recognizes* the importance of the Office of Staff Legal Assistance as a filter in the system of administration of justice, and encourages the Office to continue to advise staff on the merits of their cases, especially when giving summary or preventive legal advice;

19. *Welcomes* the outreach activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services to encourage informal dispute resolution;

20. *Also welcomes* the recommendations to address systemic and cross-cutting issues contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at the main part of its sixty-ninth session on progress made on the implementation of those recommendations;

21. *Recalls* paragraph 20 of resolution 66/237, welcomes the information provided informally by the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services on the financial and administrative implications resulting from settlements reached through informal dispute resolution, and requests the Office to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session on such implications;

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure that management responds to requests of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services in a timely manner;

23. *Requests* that information on the number and nature of cases from non-staff personnel, as well as data on the distribution of workload among conflict resolution, systemic issues and conflict competence, be clearly set out in future reports of the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services;

24. *Reiterates its requests* to the Secretary-General, contained in paragraph 67 (*a*) of resolution 62/228, paragraph 21 of resolution 63/253, paragraphs 16 to 18 of resolution 65/251, paragraph 19 of resolution 66/237 and paragraph 27 of resolution 67/241, to report to the General Assembly on the revised

terms of reference for the Office of the United Nations Ombudsman and Mediation Services, regrets that the Secretary-General has not fulfilled those requests, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the terms of reference and guidelines for the Office are promulgated as soon as possible;

III

Formal system

25. *Reaffirms* that, in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 67/241 and paragraph 28 of resolution 63/253, the Dispute Tribunal and the Appeals Tribunal shall not have any powers beyond those conferred under their respective statutes;[6]

26. *Also reaffirms* that recourse to general principles of law and the Charter by the Tribunals is to take place within the context of and consistent with their statutes and the relevant General Assembly resolutions, regulations, rules and administrative issuances;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to track the data on the number of cases received by the Management Evaluation Unit and the Dispute Tribunal in order to identify any emerging trends and to include his observations on those statistics in future reports;

28. *Reaffirms* the need for fully equipped courtrooms and other administrative requirements for the Tribunals, and welcomes the progress made by the Secretary-General in ensuring the provision of functional courtrooms with adequate facilities, as a matter of urgency;

29. *Requests* the Internal Justice Council to report on the impact of the request contained in paragraph 33 of resolution 67/241, taking into account the views of all relevant stakeholders;

30. *Requests* the Secretary-General to propose an amendment to the statute of the Appeals Tribunal, taking into account the recommendation of the Internal Justice Council relating to qualifications of Appeals Tribunal judges;

31. *Takes note* of paragraph 42 of the report of the Advisory Committee, recognizes that the immunities of the judges of the two Tribunals should be clearly specified, requests the Secretary-General to examine this issue further and present to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session recommendations that would not result in a change in the rank or conditions of service of the judges, and invites the Sixth Committee to consider them, without prejudice to the role of the Fifth Committee as the Main Committee entrusted with the responsibility for administrative and budgetary matters;

32. *Recognizes* the ongoing positive contribution of the Office of Staff Legal Assistance to the system of administration of justice;

33. *Decides* that the funding of the Office of Staff Legal Assistance shall be supplemented by a voluntary payroll deduction not exceeding 0.05 per cent of a staff member's monthly net base salary and that this funding mechanism shall be implemented on an experimental basis from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015, and requests the Secretary-General to report on its implementation;

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[6] Resolution 63/253, annexes I and II.

34. *Requests* the Secretary-General to track, on a monthly basis, the opt-out rate and the amount of revenue generated under the supplementary funding mechanism mentioned in paragraph 33 above, and authorizes him to enter into commitments for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015, from this revenue, in an amount not exceeding this revenue, to finance any additional resources for the Office of Staff Legal Assistance during the experimental phase of the mechanism;

35. *Reiterates* that all staff members will continue to have access to the services of the Office of Staff Legal Assistance during the experimental period;

36. *Stresses* the need to raise awareness among staff of the importance of financial contributions of the staff to the Office of Staff Legal Assistance;

37. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to include information on disputes involving non-staff personnel in the context of both management evaluation and informal mediation in his respective reports, and reiterates its request that he provide information on existing measures to institutionalize good management practice that aim to avoid or mitigate disputes involving the different categories of non-staff personnel;

38. *Stresses* the need to ensure that all individuals acting as legal representatives, whether they are staff members representing other staff members, staff members representing themselves or external counsel representing staff members, are subject to the same standards of professional conduct applicable in the United Nations system, and requests the Secretary-General to present the code of conduct for external legal representatives, including appropriate sanctions for breaches thereof as safeguards against frivolous applications, to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session;

IV

Other issues

39. *Stresses* that the Internal Justice Council can help to ensure independence, professionalism and accountability in the system of administration of justice, and requests the Secretary-General to entrust the Council with including the views of both the Dispute Tribunal and the Appeals Tribunal in its annual reports;

40. *Recalls* paragraph 41 of the report of the Advisory Committee, regrets that the Secretary-General has deemed it necessary to submit the matter of the overpayment of four judges to the General Assembly, and decides that the Secretary-General should investigate how this administrative error remained undetected for almost two years and institute measures to ensure that such a situation does not occur again;

41. *Requests* the Secretary-General to recover the overpayment made to the four judges, and recognizes that the salary of the judges should remain fixed at the equivalent of the D-2 level, step IV;

42. *Recalls* paragraph 30 of the report of the Advisory Committee and paragraph 8 of resolution 61/261, and requests the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session proposals with reference to the accountability of all individuals where violations of the Organization's rules and procedures have led to financial loss;

43. *Stresses* the growing need for a modernized and upgraded search engine to facilitate streamlined access to the jurisprudence and outcomes of past relevant cases;

44. *Invites* the Sixth Committee to consider the legal aspects of the report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, without prejudice to the role of the Fifth Committee as the Main Committee entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters.

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68/255. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

The General Assembly,

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Second performance report on the budget of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2012–2013

Having considered the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the budget, for the biennium 2012–2013, of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling its resolution 49/251 of 20 July 1995 on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which were resolutions 66/238 of 24 December 2011 and 67/242 of 24 December 2012,

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the budget of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium

[1] A/68/579.
[2] A/68/642.

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2012–2013[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in section II.A of the report of the Advisory Committee;

3. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2012–2013, the amount of 182,163,600 United States dollars gross (169,508,000 dollars net) approved in its resolution 67/242 for the financing of the Tribunal shall be adjusted by the amount of 1,756,300 dollars gross (2,586,800 dollars net), for a total amount of 180,407,300 dollars gross (166,921,200 dollars net);

II

Budget for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2014–2015

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2014–2015[3] and on the revised estimates arising from the effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation,[4]

Having also considered the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2014–2015[3] and on the revised estimates arising from the effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation;[4]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Decides* that the recosting will be calculated in accordance with the formula agreed upon in its resolution concerning the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015;[6]

4. *Emphasizes* the importance of the continued efforts of the Secretary-General to implement the completion strategy for the Tribunal in an efficient and timely manner;

5. *Recalls* paragraph 18 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[2] and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Tribunal adheres to the revised travel policy pursuant to its resolution 67/254 of 12 April 2013 and to reflect any cost savings resulting from the revised travel policy in the context of the second performance report;

6. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the

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[3] A/68/494.

[4] A/68/660.

[5] A/68/642 and A/68/7/Add.24.

[6] Resolution 68/246.

Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 a total amount of 93,595,700 dollars gross (87,188,400 dollars net) for the biennium 2014–2015, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

7. *Also decides* that the total assessment for 2014 under the Special Account shall amount to 46,797,850 dollars, being half of the estimated appropriation approved for the biennium 2014–2015;

8. *Further decides* to apportion the amount of 23,398,925 dollars gross (21,797,100 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2014;

9. *Decides* to apportion the amount of 23,398,925 dollars gross (21,797,100 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations of the United Nations for 2014;

10. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 8 and 9 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 3,203,650 dollars approved for the Tribunal for 2014.

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Annex

Financing for the biennium 2014–2015 of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

	Gross	*Net*
	(United States dollars)	
Estimated appropriation for the biennium 2014–2015	95 283 500	88 879 600
Revised estimates: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation	(1 687 800)	(1 691 200)
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	–	–
Recommendations of the Fifth Committee	–	–
Estimated initial appropriation for the biennium 2014–2015	**93 595 700**	**87 188 400**
Total assessment for 2014		
Requirements representing half of the estimated appropriation for the biennium 2014–2015	46 797 850	43 594 200
Decrease in the final appropriation for the biennium 2012–2013	(1 756 300)	(2 586 800)
Transfer of credit in accordance with paragraph 3 (*c*) (i) of resolution 68/245 on the second performance report for the programme budget for the biennium 2012–2013	1 756 300	2 586 800
Net contributions assessed on Member States for 2014	**46 797 850**	**43 594 200**
Of which:		
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2014	23 398 925	21 797 100
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations of the United Nations for 2014	23 398 925	21 797 100

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68/256. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

The General Assembly,

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Second performance report on the budget of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2012–2013

Having considered the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the budget, for the biennium 2012–2013, of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling its resolution 47/235 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which were resolutions 66/239 of 24 December 2011 and 67/243 of 24 December 2012,

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the budget of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2012–2013,[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in section III.A of the report of the Advisory Committee;

[1] A/68/582.
[2] A/68/642.

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3. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2012–2013, the amount of 283,067,700 United States dollars gross (251,736,900 dollars net) approved in its resolution 67/243 for the financing of the Tribunal shall be adjusted by the amount of 4,074,200 dollars gross (4,476,100 dollars net), for a total of 278,993,500 dollars gross (247,260,800 dollars net);

II

Budget for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2014–2015

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2014–2015[3] and on the revised estimates arising from the effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation,[4]

Having also considered the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget for the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2014–2015[3] and on the revised estimates arising from the effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation;[4]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Decides* that the recosting will be calculated in accordance with the formula agreed upon in its resolution concerning the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015;[6]

4. *Emphasizes* the importance of the continued efforts of the Secretary-General to implement the completion strategy for the Tribunal in an efficient and timely manner;

5. *Recalls* paragraph 36 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[2] and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Tribunal adheres to the revised travel policy pursuant to resolution 67/254 of 12 April 2013 and to reflect any cost savings resulting from the revised travel policy in the context of the second performance report;

6. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 a total amount of 201,688,200 dollars gross (179,998,600 dollars net) for the biennium 2014–2015, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

7. *Also decides* that the financing of the appropriation for the biennium 2014–2015 under the Special Account shall take into account the estimated income

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[3] A/68/386.

[4] A/68/660.

[5] A/68/642 and A/68/7/Add.24.

[6] Resolution 68/246.

of 285,500 dollars for the biennium, which shall be set off against the aggregate amount of the appropriation;

8. *Further decides* that the total assessment for 2014 under the Special Account shall amount to 100,701,350 dollars, being half of the estimated appropriation approved for the biennium 2014–2015, after taking into account 142,750 dollars, which is half of the estimated income for the biennium of 285,500 dollars;

9. *Decides* to apportion the amount of 50,350,675 dollars gross (44,928,275 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2014;

10. *Also decides* to apportion the amount of 50,350,675 dollars gross (44,928,275 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations of the United Nations for 2014;

11. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 9 and 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 10,844,800 dollars approved for the Tribunal for 2014.

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Annex

Financing for the biennium 2014–2015 of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

	Gross	*Net*
	(United States dollars)	
Estimated appropriation for the biennium 2014–2015	198 667 000	177 140 500
Revised estimates: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation	3 021 200	2 858 100
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	–	–
Recommendations of the Fifth Committee	–	–
Estimated initial appropriation for the biennium 2014–2015	201 688 200	179 998 600
Less: estimated income for the biennium 2014–2015	(285 500)	(285 500)
Estimated initial appropriation for the biennium 2014–2015, net of estimated income	**201 402 700**	**179 713 100**
Total assessment for 2014		
Requirements representing half of the estimated appropriation for the biennium 2014–2015	100 701 350	89 856 550
Decrease in the final appropriation for the biennium 2012–2013	(4 074 200)	(4 476 100)
Transfer of credit in accordance with paragraph 3 (*c*) (i) of resolution 68/245 on the second performance report for the programme budget for the biennium 2012–2013	4 074 200	4 476 100
Net contributions assessed on Member States for 2014	**100 701 350**	**89 856 550**
Of which:		
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2014	50 350 675	44 928 275
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations of the United Nations for 2014	50 350 675	44 928 275

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68/257. Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

The General Assembly,

I

Second performance report on the budget of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2012–2013

Having considered the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the budget of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2012–2013[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling its resolutions 66/240 A of 24 December 2011 and 66/240 B of 21 June 2012, as well as its resolutions 67/244 A of 24 December 2012 and 67/244 B of 12 April 2013,

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the budget of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2012–2013;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in section IV.A of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

3. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2012–2013, the amount of 53,676,500 United States dollars gross (51,085,600 dollars net) approved in its resolution 67/244 A for the financing of the Mechanism shall be adjusted by the amount of 34,677,800 dollars gross (33,006,900 dollars net), for a total amount of 18,998,700 dollars gross (18,078,700 dollars net);

[1] A/68/594.
[2] A/68/642.

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II

Budget for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2014–2015

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2014–2015[3] and on the revised estimates arising from changes in rates of exchange and inflation,[4]

Having also considered the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the budget for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for the biennium 2014–2015[3] and on the revised estimates arising from the effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation;[4]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Decides* that the recosting will be calculated in accordance with the formula agreed upon in its resolution concerning the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015;[6]

4. *Recalls* paragraph 50 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[2] and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Mechanism adheres to the revised travel policy pursuant to its resolution 67/254 of 12 April 2013 and to reflect any cost savings resulting from the revised travel policy in the context of the second performance report;

5. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals a total amount of 120,296,600 dollars gross (112,831,500 dollars net) for the biennium 2014–2015, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

6. *Also decides* that the total assessment for 2014 under the Special Account amounting to 61,648,300 dollars gross shall consist of:

(*a*) 60,148,300 dollars, being half of the estimated appropriation approved for the biennium 2014–2015;

(*b*) 1,500,000 dollars, being the increase reflecting the deferred assessment decided by the General Assembly in its resolution 67/244;

7. *Further decides*, for the year 2014, to apportion the amount of 30,824,150 dollars gross (28,957,875 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2014;

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[3] A/68/491.

[4] A/68/660.

[5] A/68/642 and A/68/7/Add.24.

[6] Resolution 68/246.

8. *Decides* to apportion the amount of 30,824,150 dollars gross (28,957,875 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations of the United Nations for 2014;

9. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 7 and 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income in the amount of 3,732,550 dollars approved for the Mechanism for 2014.

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Financing for the biennium 2014–2015 of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

	Gross	*Net*
	(United States dollars)	
Estimated appropriation for the biennium 2014–2015	120 282 100	112 863 000
Revised estimates: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation	14 500	(31 500)
Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions	–	–
Recommendations of the Fifth Committee	–	–
Estimated initial appropriation for the biennium 2014–2015	**120 296 600**	**112 831 500**
Total assessment for 2014		
Requirements representing half of the estimated appropriation for the biennium 2014–2015	60 148 300	56 415 750
Decrease in the final appropriation for the biennium 2012–2013	(34 677 800)	(33 006 900)
Transfer of credit in accordance with paragraph 3 (*c*) (i) of resolution 68/245 on the second performance report for the programme budget for the biennium 2012–2013	34 677 800	33 006 900
Increase reflecting the deferred assessment of $1.5 million as decided by the General Assembly in resolution 67/244	1 500 000	1 500 000
Net contributions assessed on Member States for 2014	**61 648 300**	**57 915 750**
Of which:		
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2014	30 824 150	28 957 875
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations of the United Nations for 2014	30 824 150	28 957 875

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68/258. Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 2126 (2013) of 25 November 2013, by which the Council extended the mandate of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei until 31 May 2014,

Recalling also its resolution 67/270 of 28 June 2013 on the financing of the Force,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make full use of predefined modules and service packages, including to expedite the deployment of the Joint Border Verification and Monitoring Mechanism to full operating capability;

3. *Takes note* of paragraph 28 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

4. *Reaffirms* paragraph 10 of its resolution 67/270;

Financing arrangements for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014

5. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei the amount of 38,468,600 United States dollars for the maintenance of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, in addition to the amount of 307,058,200

[1] A/68/519.
[2] A/68/620.

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dollars already appropriated for the same period under the terms of its resolution 67/270;

Financing of the appropriation

6. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 281,470,017 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 67/270 for the period from 1 July 2013 to 31 May 2014, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 35,262,883 dollars for the same period, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2013 and 2014, as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

7. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 6 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 86,350 dollars, representing the increase in the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 2013 to 31 May 2014;

8. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 3,205,717 dollars for the period from 1 to 30 June 2014, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2014, as set out in its resolution 67/238, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

9. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 8 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 7,850 dollars, representing the increase in the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Force for the period from 1 to 30 June 2014;

10. *Also decides* to keep under review during its sixty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei".

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68/259. Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 2100 (2013) of 25 April 2013, by which the Council established the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali, requested the Secretary-General to subsume the United Nations Office in Mali into the Mission, with the Mission assuming responsibility for the discharge of the mandated tasks of the Office, as from 25 April 2013, and decided that authority be transferred from the African-led International Support Mission in Mali to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali on 1 July 2013, at which point the latter would commence implementation of its mandate as defined in paragraphs 16 and 17 of resolution 2100 (2013), for an initial period of 12 months,

Recalling also its resolution 67/286 of 28 June 2013,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June

[1] A/68/538.
[2] A/68/653.

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2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011 and 66/264 of 21 June 2012, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali as at 30 November 2013, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 127.7 million United States dollars, representing some 32 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only 64 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Takes note* of paragraph 29 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that future budget proposals, derived from the standardized funding model, lead to the allocation of adequate resources to the Mission for effective delivery of mandated activities, taking into account lessons learned from the application of the model, and to report thereon;

10. *Also takes note* of paragraphs 45, 47, 50, 55, 57, 64, 66, 68 and 91 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

11. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of section XVIII of its resolution 61/276, in which it indicated that the purpose of quick-impact projects is to establish and build confidence in individual missions, their mandates and the peace process, thereby improving the environment for effective mandate implementation, and requests the Secretary-General to reflect this in future results-based budgeting frameworks for the Mission;

12. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts of the Secretary-General to enhance inter-mission cooperation, and in this regard calls for continued cooperation between the Mission and the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289 and 66/264;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Expenditure report for the period from 25 April to 30 June 2013

15. *Takes note* of the expenditure report for the Mission for the period from 25 April to 30 June 2013;[3]

16. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali the amount of 81,976,400 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 25 April to 30 June 2013;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 25 April to 30 June 2013

17. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 75,321,180 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 67/286 for the period from 25 April to 30 June 2013, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 6,655,220 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the same period, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2013, as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

18. *Also decides* that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, the amount of 400 dollars, representing other income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2013;

19. *Further decides* to reduce by 728,000 dollars the amount of the estimated staff assessment income set off against the apportionment among Member States for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 25 April to 30 June 2013 under the terms of its resolution 67/286, from the total amount of 769,300 dollars to 41,300 dollars, and to add the reduction of 728,000 dollars in the staff assessment income to the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014

20. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 602 million dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, inclusive of the amount of 366,774,500 dollars previously authorized for the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2013 under the terms of its resolution 67/286;

21. *Also decides*, taking into account the support account requirements in the total amount of 6,118,300 dollars (net requirement of 5,660,700 dollars) for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014 and the amount of 3,845,200 dollars (net requirement of 3,602,500 dollars) already approved under the terms of its resolution 67/286 for the same period for the support account for peacekeeping operations, to

[3] A/68/538, sect. IV.

approve the additional support account requirements in the amount of 2,273,100 dollars (net requirement of 2,058,200 dollars) for the same period;

Financing of the appropriation

22. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 330,097,050 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 67/286 for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2013, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 271,902,950 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2014, as set out in its resolution 67/238;

23. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 22 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,[illegible]10,200 dollars, representing the balance of the estimated staff assessment income of 6,071,700 dollars approved for the Mission;

24. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

25. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

26. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

27. *Decides* to keep under review during its sixty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali".

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68/260. Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 350 (1974) of 31 May 1974 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 2108 (2013) of 27 June 2013,

Recalling also its resolution 3211 B (XXIX) of 29 November 1974 on the financing of the United Nations Emergency Force and of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 67/278 of 28 June 2013,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

2. *Takes note* of paragraph 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

Revised budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014

3. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force the amount of 12,635,500 United States dollars for the maintenance of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the

[1] A/68/505.
[2] A/68/617.

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period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, in addition to the amount of 50,736,200 dollars previously appropriated for the same period under the terms of its resolution 67/278, inclusive of 48,019,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 2,277,400 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 439,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the additional appropriation

4. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 50,736,200 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 67/278 for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 6,317,750 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2013, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2013, as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

5. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 4 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 56,700 dollars, representing the additional staff assessment income approved for the Force for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2013;

6. *Further decides*, taking into account the amount of 50,736,200 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 67/278 for the period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 6,317,750 dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2014, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2014, as set out in its resolution 67/238;

7. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 6 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the amount of 56,700 dollars, representing the additional staff assessment income approved for the Force for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2014;

8. *Also decides* to keep under review during its sixty-eighth session, under the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East", the sub-item entitled "United Nations Disengagement Observer Force".

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68/261. Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

The General Assembly,

Recalling recent resolutions[1] of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council highlighting the fundamental importance of official statistics for the national and global development agenda,

Bearing in mind the critical role of high-quality official statistical information in analysis and informed policy decision-making in support of sustainable development, peace and security, as well as for mutual knowledge and trade among the States and peoples of an increasingly connected world, demanding openness and transparency,

Bearing in mind also that the essential trust of the public in the integrity of official statistical systems and confidence in statistics depend to a large extent on respect for the fundamental values and principles that are the basis of any society seeking to understand itself and respect the rights of its members, and in this context that professional independence and accountability of statistical agencies are crucial,

Stressing that, in order to be effective, the fundamental values and principles that govern statistical work have to be guaranteed by legal and institutional frameworks and be respected at all political levels and by all stakeholders in national statistical systems,

Endorses the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics set out below, as adopted by the Statistical Commission in 1994[2] and reaffirmed in 2013, and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2013/21 of 24 July 2013:

Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

Principle 1. Official statistics provide an indispensable element in the information system of a democratic society, serving the Government, the economy

[1] These include General Assembly resolution 64/267 on World Statistics Day and Economic and Social Council resolutions 2005/13 on the 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme, 2006/6 on strengthening statistical capacity and 2013/21 on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.

[2] For the original preamble used on the occasion of the initial adoption of the Fundamental Principles in 1994, see chapter V of the report of the Statistical Commission on its special session (*Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1994, Supplement No. 9* (E/1994/29)). More information on the Fundamental Principles and their history is available from the website of the Statistics Division.

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and the public with data about the economic, demographic, social and environmental situation. To this end, official statistics that meet the test of practical utility are to be compiled and made available on an impartial basis by official statistical agencies to honour citizens' entitlement to public information.

Principle 2. To retain trust in official statistics, the statistical agencies need to decide according to strictly professional considerations, including scientific principles and professional ethics, on the methods and procedures for the collection, processing, storage and presentation of statistical data.

Principle 3. To facilitate a correct interpretation of the data, the statistical agencies are to present information according to scientific standards on the sources, methods and procedures of the statistics.

Principle 4. The statistical agencies are entitled to comment on erroneous interpretation and misuse of statistics.

Principle 5. Data for statistical purposes may be drawn from all types of sources, be they statistical surveys or administrative records. Statistical agencies are to choose the source with regard to quality, timeliness, costs and the burden on respondents.

Principle 6. Individual data collected by statistical agencies for statistical compilation, whether they refer to natural or legal persons, are to be strictly confidential and used exclusively for statistical purposes.

Principle 7. The laws, regulations and measures under which the statistical systems operate are to be made public.

Principle 8. Coordination among statistical agencies within countries is essential to achieve consistency and efficiency in the statistical system.

Principle 9. The use by statistical agencies in each country of international concepts, classifications and methods promotes the consistency and efficiency of statistical systems at all official levels.

Principle 10. Bilateral and multilateral cooperation in statistics contributes to the improvement of systems of official statistics in all countries.

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